GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SELLING PRICE OF UREA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current selling price of urea and fertilizers are less than the cost of production;

(b) if so, whether the said fertilizers can be imported at a price less than the energy inputs in fertilizer plants; and

(c) if so, the proposals being considered by the Government to reduce the cost of production of these fertilizers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): Yes, Sir. The cost of production of fertilizers is higher in comparison to the prices at which the urea and decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers are sold.

(b) & (c): urea is the only fertilizer, import of which is canalized and made through the State Trading Enterprises. All other fertilizers are free for import. Import of fertilizers is made at the prevailing international prices.